

CATAWBA COUNTY

2010 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Oppose efforts to require collective bargaining for public or private employees
- Support Federal assistance in the funding of a regional wastewater re-use system which will benefit the Catawba County EcoComplex
- Support Federal assistance in funding of a wood waste and bio-solids gasification and green energy facility
- Oppose new EPA Ozone Standards
- Support implementation of Streamlined Sales Tax
- Support for permanent restoration of the ambulance fee schedule as stated in The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008
- Support increased local funding, incentives and community-based surveillance and communication systems regarding disease spread related to a pandemic flu threat
- Support and encourage quicker deployment of Next Generation of 911 Initiative
- Support improvements to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) and other safety net programs so that all families have necessary work supports and TANF focuses on positive outcomes for families and reducing poverty
- Support increases to funding for Older Americans Act services to help older Americans remain independent in their homes and community
- Support implementation of the Elder Justice Act (Senate Bill 795)
- Support increases to Social Services Block Grant funding
- Oppose continued cuts to the child support program
- Support delinking Aid to Families with Dependent Children from the IV-E Program
- Support the reauthorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
- Support extension of the Federal Medicaid assistance participation rate subsidy/increase

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OUR STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Catawba County government provides necessary services to its citizens with honesty and professionalism at reasonable costs. Although the range of services is diverse, the following principles guide our efforts:

- *Provide the least intrusive government that serves the best interest of all citizens.*
- *View elected and appointed officials as policymakers, and staff as implementors of policy.*
- *Encourage citizen participation in government and promote public trust and accountability.*
- *Administer a government that is competent and responsive to citizens' needs while understanding its obligation to taxpayers.*
- *Adhere to the community's strong work ethic, promoting high productivity with reasonable workloads.*
- *Foster an economic, social and physical environment that allows individual and corporate citizens to realize their potential.*
- *Encourage and recognize creativity, innovation, and teamwork among County employees.*
- *Encourage administrative decision-making at the point of service.*
- *Administer county government with compassion and fairness.*

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